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TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION OF AN INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
IN A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114**

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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for the withdrawal of this application from issue under 37 CFR § 1.313 (c)(2).

**PATENT ISSUE FEE**

The issue fee for this case was paid on June 28, 2004.

**REASON FOR WITHDRAWAL REQUEST**

The reason for withdrawal from issue of this application is for consideration of pertinent art cited in the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement which accompanies a Request for Continued Examination.

**FILING OF REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114**

A Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 is being submitted via Express Mail with this petition. The RCE Transmittal paper and Information Disclosure Statement are attached.

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